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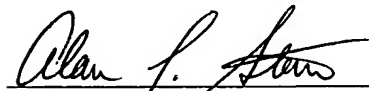
Claims 2-22, 28-30 and 32 are currently pending.

The allowance of claims 8-22, 28-30 and 32 is noted with appreciation.

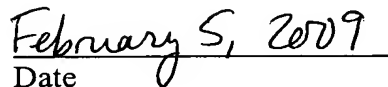
The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 2-7 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/722,965. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith. It is noted that these applications are commonly assigned, as evidenced by an assignment recorded at reel 014755 and frame 0365 (for S.N. 10/722,965) and an assignment recorded at reel 014755 and frame 0351 (for the instant application, S.N. 10/722,964).

It is believed that the filing of the enclosed terminal disclaimer should fully address the Examiner's rejection of claims 2-7, and should place this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issue remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' agent at the telephone number indicated below.

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